

# **SB 375 (Steinberg)**

## **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Transportation Sources**

### *Background:*

- According to state energy and clean air agencies, transportation sources account for over 40 percent of the carbon emissions produced in the state.
- The 2006 Climate Action Team Report states that 7.3 million metric tons of carbon emissions reduction will be achieved by 2010 from transportation sources, and 27 million tons by 2020. Yet, the Administration has offered no plan for the achievement of these reductions.
- Transportation agencies should update their transportation models and plans to ensure climate emissions are addressed consistent with state climate goals.

### *SB 375 does the following:*

- Requires the California Transportation Commission, in cooperation with the Air Resources Board, air districts, and regional transportation agencies, to adopt and certify modeling guidelines for use in showing reductions in vehicle miles traveled and climate change emissions.
- Requires state transportation planning agencies to revise their planning guidelines to show progress in meeting state climate change targets as articulated in law and in the Climate Action Team Report.
- Require regional transportation agencies to update regional transportation plans to show progress in meeting state climate change targets as articulated in law and in the Climate Action Team Report
- Expands current infill development regulatory incentives under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to include those infill projects that also reduce vehicle trips by 10 percent through more pedestrian-friendly and higher-density development.